Now, Legislative Business. Mr. Rangarajan Kumaramangalam.

THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1991 —*Introduced.*

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM) : Madam Deputy Chairperson, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the University Grants Commission Act, 1956.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM : Madam Deputy Chairperson, I introduce the Bill. (*Interruptions*)

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Violence in Karnataka and need to protect Tamils living there

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Dr. Raja Ramanna.

DR. RAJA RAMANNA (Uttar Pradesh) : Madam Deputy Chairman. I have just come from a visit to Bangalore.

One always associates Bangalore with the peaceful atmosphere there. But Iam very amazed at the ferocity of destruction in various areas. Bangalore, Madam, is a cosmopolitan area. But in recent times, I do not know what has happened because that city used to speak four language; and everybody seems to understand all these languages; but suddenly the language issue has come up in a very ethnic form. I was beginning to wonder why this has happened because this is the most unfortunate thing that can happen in our country when our cities which are quiet, suddenly become violent. It is said in the newspapers that terrorists of all types are there in Bangalore. It has been said that LTTE is there. Some newspaper says that ULFA is there. Now, one should ask why has this all happened in recent times and that a matter like sharing of waters in one river, which is an over-used river, should create so much havoc, so much destruction. We have to ask this question ourselves.

Madam Deputy Chairman, I was present here at a discussion on Thursday. Madam, we who sit here are meant to bring people together, to see that solutions are found. On the contrary, the things that were being said, accusing one another, rather amazed me. It was even worse than the riots in Bangalore because we are supposed to be educated people, trying to bring people together, to get the solutions. This has not happened. And even the Central Minister very condescendingly said, 'we will have it implemented.' What will be implemented' was no clear. But all these things add to our troubles which we do not realise specially as the South is very far away from here.

Madam, I will not talk about Cauvery water. To me, it is essentially a technological problem. There is certain fixed amount of water that comes, year after year. People living in these areas have lived there for centuries. The question how to divide it, is essentially a technical and partly a political one because people get so emotional. But that is not the question that I am raising.

Madam, I think, while the destrction in Bangalore has been severe, the biggest destruction is to the psychological atmosphere there. The people have really come to a stage where, I thnik, over the years, this has come about, and we are all responsible for it, the Chief Ministers and everybody.

Therefore, I would like to appeal to you, Madam, that we should do something to show that this Parliament, elected by the people from all parts of India, will make every effort for people to get together, and not be lost in comparatively smaller problems. I do not say that Cauvery water problem is a small problem. It is a very important problem. But the riots that have taken place have shifted that to the hands of goondas, rascals and rogues, and they have destroyed much property. And I do not know whethrr our Government are geared up with the police to stand up to such problems. But that is a different issue. But what we should do is to get together on common issues, In order to do that, Madam, I would like to suggest that we pass a joint resolution appealing to the people to come together, to live in harmony. If you want, Madam, I have a draft with me. But, perhaps, you may like to listen to the others before this draft is put before you. Thank you.

SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE (West Bengali) Madam, I fully support the stand of Dr. Ramanna.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Smt. Jayanthi Natarajan.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN (Tamil Nadu) : Madam, my name is the first in the list.